

PATENT  
Docket No.: 22221/1023 (RU-429)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicants : O'Donnell et al.     | ) | Examiner:         |
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| For : DNA MOLECULES ENCODING BETA | ) |                   |
| CLAMP PROTEINS OF GRAM POSITIVE   | ) |                   |
| BACTERIA                          | ) |                   |
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**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop: Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.